



The Severing Crime Edge

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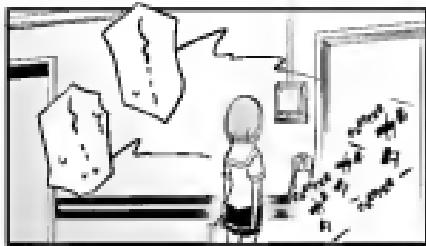
I
WILL
CHOP
OFF...

...YOUR
BLACK
HAIR...
IT'S
YOUR
LIFE.

WE
GO
ON.

CHOP
CHOP,
CHOP
CHOP.







LIAR.



WOW, SHE'S
REALLY
SUSPICIOUS.

I'M
THAT
MUSHANO-KOJI.



THAT'S MEAN!

"toot-toot"
"toot-toot"

UGH...
WHAT THE
HECK ARE
YOU
SAYING?
DID YOU
GO CRAZY,
TOOT?

THEN
GO
HOME.

I HAVE
TO MAKE
TIME IN MY
BUSY
SCHEDULE
TO COME
ALL THE
WAY HERE
TO VISIT
YOU

FELL DOWN
FROM A
MOUNTAIN
AND HURT
YOURSELF?
ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?

REALLY
!

I DIDN'T
ASK YOU
TO COME
HERE.

WH-
WHAT'S
WITH YOUR
ATTITUDE
??!

NOT
EVEN A
"THANK
YOU"
??!!

HAH,
WHAT
SHOULD
I BE
GRATEFUL
FOR?!

GRAB!

S-STOP IT.









I-I
WAS A
CHILD!

I
WOULDN'T
HAVE
DONE IT
OTHER-
WISE... :)

DIDN'T
YOU ALSO
USED TO
LET HIM
CUT YOUR
HAIR
WHEN YOU
WERE A
CHILD?

WHY
DON'T YOU
GET HIM TO
CUT YOUR
HAIR AND
SEE FOR
YOURSELF
?

...I
THINK KIRI'S
BETTER
THAN YOUR
AVERAGE
HAIR
STYLIST...

HE'S
NOT EVEN
A HAIR
STYLIST
...
...

UH...

...WE...
...I...

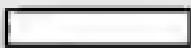


...RESERVED
AROUND
OTHER.

THEY
BOTH...
ACT...

...I
WONDER
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
THEM.

HMM.



THE NEXT DAY.



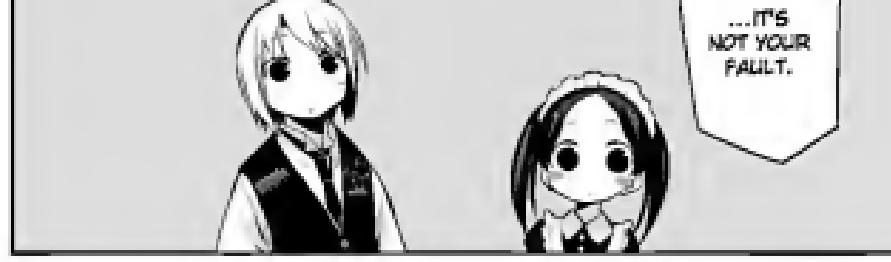
WELCOME,
MY DEAR.

TO HAIR
SALON
HAIMURA.

RAAM!







...IT'S
NOT YOUR
FAULT.



...I
WOULD BE
COMPLETELY
BETRAYING
YOU.

...I JUST
THOUGHT...
IF I
CHANGED MY
HAIRSTYLE
AS WELL



I
PUSHED
YOU
AWAY...

I
ACTED
THAT WAY
BECAUSE
IT WAS IN
FRONT
OF MY
FRIENDS.

...I...



YELLED
THAT IT
WAS
GROSS...

...ENDED
UP BEING
MEAN...

EVERY-
THING THAT I
SAID...

BUT...

...I
ALWAYS
REGRETTED
DOING
THAT.

SOB
S
OB

SOB
S
OB

I COULDN'T
APOLOGIZE TO
YOU ANYMORE
AFTER ALL
THIS TIME...

...I
COULDN'T
...

YOU
CAN.

SAY
WHAT
YOU
WANT.

WHOA

JUST BE
HONEST
AND SAY
IT.

HUH?

UH.

AH...

L...



CUT
MY HAIR
AGAIN!



BROT-
ER



PLEASE
MAKE ME
LOOK
CUTE.



FLAP

FLAP

AS
YOU
WISH.
OF
COURSE.

AS
YOU
WISH.





...WHHEW.



HE'S
GETTING
OUT OF
THE
HOSPITAL?

WHAT?

PANT
||
PANT
||
PANT
||

PANT
||
||

...I SEE
YOU'RE
STILL
TRAUMA-
TIZED...

...NO!

I'LL PEE
MYSELF!

DON'T...

...YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
LOOK SO
DISAPPOINT-
ED...









cut26: "Custom-Made 2"





HM.

YUP.



SAY IT'S
CUTE OR
SOMETHING.

TICK

WHA
LOOKS
NICE
AND
COOL.

HA
HA...







OH,
VIOLET
?

THE
CRIME EDGE
GUY WAS
JUST
RELEASED
FROM THE
HOSPITAL.

IT'S
DISAPPOINTING,
BUT I'LL
JUST GO
AFTER THE
BOY.

HE
SHOULD
STILL BE
COMING
FOR
CHECKUPS
AND SUCH.

IT
SEEMS
I CAN'T
ATTACK
THE QUEEN
IN THE
HOSPITAL
ANYMORE.



...YOU
CAN
JUST GO
STRAIGHT
TO HER
HOUSE.





HE'S NOT
LOSE THE
OTHER AUTHOR.

...A BIT
ANTI-
CLIMACTIC.

WHAT HE'S
SAYING IS
DANGEROUS,
BUT...

...REFRESH-
ING...



AS
LONG AS
WE MAKE
SURE NOT
TO COME
BACK TO
THIS
HOSPITAL
THEN
FOR
NOW...

FROM
THE LOOKS
OF IT, HE
DOESN'T
LOOK THAT
THREATENING.



HUH?

PULL
ME

LET'S
RUN
AWAY.



I
WAS STILL
VAGUELY
CONSCIOUS...
AND
REMEMBER
WHAT
HAPPENED,
AS WELL.

THAT DAY
WHEN I
WAS TAKEN
OVER BY
GRAYLAND...

...I WERE
TO HURT
SOMEONE IN
THAT
TORTURE-LIKE
WAY...

IF...

...THE
THOUGHT
IS A BIT
SCARY.

LET'S
GO.





I DON'T
THINK WE
SHOULD
LEAVE HIM BE...

...IS
THAT ALL
RIGHT?



THAT MAN...



...WHAT
SHOULD I
DO?

I'VE
WAITED A
FEW WEEKS
BUT I STILL
HAVEN'T
MET EITHER
THE QUEEN
OR THE ONE
WITH THE
SCISSORS.

MAYBE
THEY'RE
AVOIDING
ME.



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

I CAN
ONLY
CONCLUDE
THAT THEY
KNOW
WHAT I'M
UP TO.



I'LL
JUST
RELAX

IT'LL
LET
NATURE
TAKE ITS
COURSE!

WAHAH

IT'LL
...

KEINCHIRO JIN. HOBBIES:
AROMATHERAPY,
COLLECTING PLUSHIES,
COOKING, ETC.



oh!
...THE
LUCKY
SIGN FOR
TODAY IS...
VIRGO!

AND
NOW FOR
OUR DAILY
SEGMENT ON
TODAY'S
HORO-
SCOPE...



YOU WILL HAVE AN AMAZING ENCOUNTER TODAY.



SOMETHING GOOD WILL HAPPEN TODAY!

cut27: "Showers From Heaven"



SO
YOU'VE BEEN
RUNNING AND
HIDING, TRYING
TO AVOID
FIGHTING THE
AUTHOR YOU
MET IN THE
HOSPITAL...

Department of Literature
Prof. Sumeragi's Office
(Chair, Criminal History)

HMM.

YOU
KNOW
THAT'S THE
SAME AS
SAYING
YOU'D WIN
EASILY IF
YOU DID,
RIGHT?

...I
JUST
FEEL BAD
ABOUT
BEATING
SOMEONE
UP WITH
THE
TOOL...
I'M
NOT
EXACTLY
RUNNING
...
...

SO
COOKY!

I KNOW
YOU FEEL
UNEASY
AFTER GOING
CRAZY ONCE
USING THE
TOOL!

HANLURA
WENT CRAZY,
TOO...

HERE
THE
SAME

UGH!



ALL I
KNOW
IS...

...A
"KNIFE,"
"GUN"
AND
"POISON."

...THERE
ARE THREE
OF THEM...

IF HE
SAID HE
WAS
"TAILORED
FOR LONG-
RANGE
BATTLES"

HE
MIGHT
BE THE
"GUN"...

THE
KNIFE
ALREADY
APPEARED



HMM...

SO I FEEL
LIKE WE
SHOULD DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT...

ALL I
CAN DO
IS PRAY
THAT
NOTHING
HAPPENS
...

ARE
YOU THAT
SCARED?
YOU'RE
REALLY
GOING TO
HIDE LIKE
THIS?

...
IWA...

B-B-
BELIEVE
ME.

...
HMM...

NO
OH
NO NO

IT'S NOT...
THAT I
WANT YOU
TO FIGHT,
KIRI!

OH.

I JUST
FEEL A
LITTLE
UNEASY...

...BUT
I ALSO
UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU
FEEL,
SO I WON'T
ORDER YOU
TO FIGHT.

...I FEEL
LIKE I'M
BEING
LEFT
BEHIND...

IT'S
JUST...
I WANT
YOU TO
TALK TO
ME A BIT
MORE...

...WHEN
YOU'RE
WORRYING
ABOUT
THINGS
ON YOUR
OWN.

I WONDER
IF IT'S
A FIGHT...

...IT'S
COMING
FROM THE
BACK DOOR

VERY
LOUD.

A
DOG?

IT'S
JUST...
I WANT
YOU TO
TALK TO
ME A BIT
MORE...

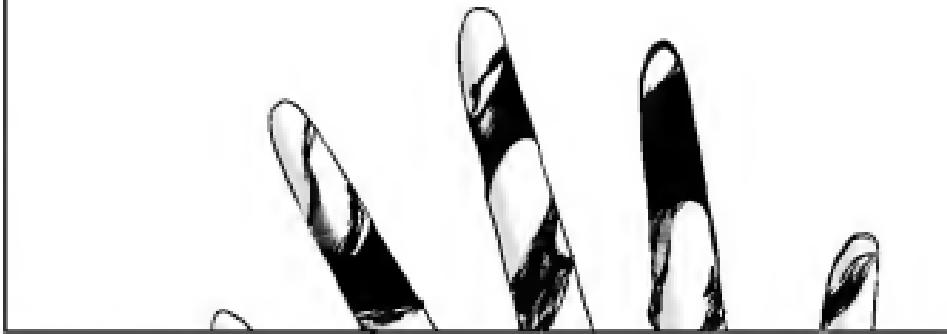
IT'S
JUST...
I WANT
YOU TO
TALK TO
ME A BIT
MORE...











THERE
WAS A
DOCTOR
I MET
DURING
THAT
PARTY.

FINALLY
FOUND IT.

...IS
THIS...?

...THEN
IT'S
POSSIBLE
THAT HE ALSO...

...I
REMEM-
BERED
HIM
BECAUSE
HE WAS
ODDLY
CHEERY.

I DIDN'T
PRY INTO
WHAT HE
DID, BUT...

...PASSED
BY YOU
WITHOUT
YOU
NOTICING.

...SO
THERE IS THE
POSSIBILITY
THAT HE WAS
HERE AS
WELL.

...A
PRESENTATION
ON SOME
RESEARCH
THEY DID
TOGETHER
WITH A LOCAL...
HOSPITAL.

THERE
WAS A
SYMPOSIUM
IN THIS
UNIVERSITY
TODAY ON
MEDICAL...
SCIENCES...

DING.

I JUST FOUND THE PERSON I'M OBSESSED WITH... IT'S THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.

JUST LIKE THE HOROSCOPE SAID! I KNEW I WAS LUCKY!

...OH, THANKS FOR THE OTHER DAY!

I'M SORRY, I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW.

WAS THAT YOUR GUNSHOT?

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL...

...STAY NEUTRAL

...AND JUST WATCH THE GAME.

...I HEARD THE QUEEN WAS UNDER YOUR WATCH.



...DON'T
BOther
ME!





THERE-
FORE...



YEAH.

HE
MENTIONED
SECURITY
GUARDS.

NOT
TEACHERS
OR
STUDENTS.



WHICH
MEANS IT'S
PROBABLY
NOT A
SCHOOL
BUILDING.

...RAPID
SHOT OF
PINPOINT
PENETRATION!

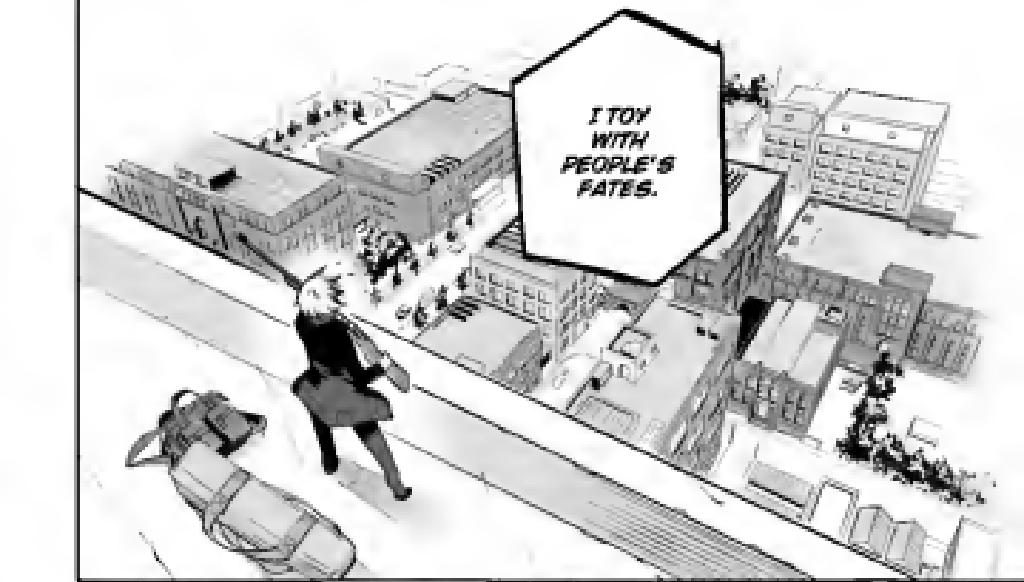
MY
NAME
IS...





...RAPID
SHOT OF
PINPOINT
PENETRATION!

MY
NAME
IS...



I TOY
WITH
PEOPLE'S
FATES.

THAT
IS WHAT
GIVES ME
PLEASURE.

...I
FREELY
TAKE A
PERSON'S
LIFE.

...WITH
IMPER-
CEPTIBLE
MEANS...

FROM
UNREACHABLE
HEIGHTS...



I'LL
TELL
YOU...

...I
AM...

...
GÖD!

WOOOSH

BLEH



THE **SE**VERING **CRIME** EDGE

cut28

...I'M
PAYING
FOR MY
MISTAKES.

DAMN
IT.

FINSH

I
KNOW,
IT'S
OKAY.

BUT I
HAVE
TO GET
CLOSE
SOME-
HOW.

KI-
KIRI!

DON'T
JUST
RUN OUT
THERE!

...THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENS
WHEN
YOU
RUN...

FIN

I
SHOULD'VE
DONE
SOMETHING
AT THE
HOSPITAL
...

...ANOTHER
PERSON
INSTEAD
OF JUST
DOGS...!

IT'D BE
A LOT OF
TROUBLE
IF HE
SHOT...

ROIRE

THWAP!

100



HOLSTER
...?

SCISSOR...

...WHAT'S
THIS?





...WITCHY...?

WAVE

WAVE



cut28: "The Neck is Bare"







YOU'RE HER DESCENDANT OR SOMETHING.

THAT WITCH WITH THE CURSE FROM THE PLAY!

...I WOULD BE MORE UNWILLING TO HELP YOU.

IF THAT WAS TRUE, THEN...

RAPID SHOT... YOU'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT JIN, I TAKE IT.

YOU...

SLAM!!

WHAT
IS IT?

IT'S
NOTHING
SPECIAL.

WITCHY,
GIVE ME
YOUR
HAND.

KIRI?

...SO I
THOUGHT
I'D USE
IT.

YOU GAVE
ME THIS
PRESENT...

...I SEE.

FUJAP!



THIS
IS...







I CAN'T
SHOOT.

NO
WAY

I...

I
DOUBT
SHE'D
JUST
HELP AN
ENEMY.

...BUT
IT'S HER
OF ALL
PEOPLE.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
GETTING
CAUGHT,
VIOLETT!

OH
MAN!

EVEN IF
I USE MY
ABILITY,
I'LL
PROBABLY
STILL HIT
HER TOO.
DIFF-
CULT...

...WELL
THEN.





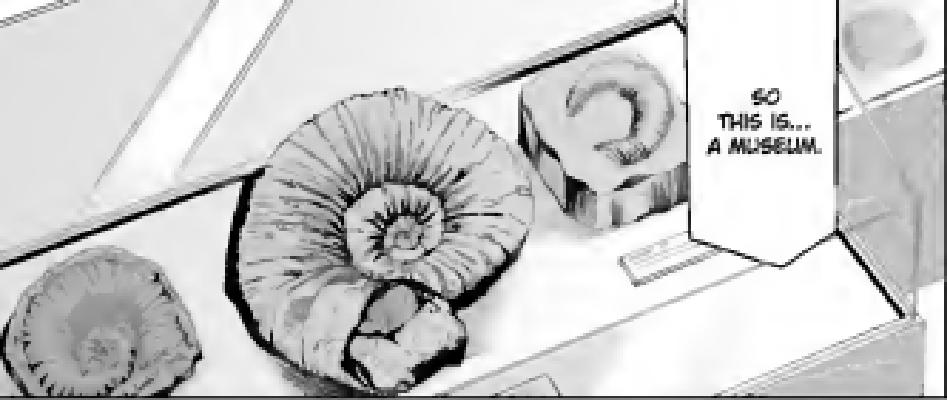






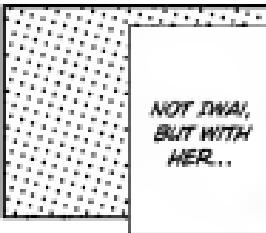
cut29: "Tower Offense"







I CAN
REMEMBER
HOW HER
LIPS FELT.



NOT INNAI,
BUT WITH
HER...



MY
MEMORY IS
A LITTLE
Hazy SINCE
IT WAS
SO ELDOR.
BUT...









THIS IS
REVENGE.





AN AUTHOR
AND AN
INSTEAD HAVE
THAT KIND OF
RELATIONSHIP.

HOPE
KIRI'S
OKAY—

...SHE WILL
COME, EVEN
KNOWING
THAT IT'S
A TRAP.

...YOU
WOULD NOT
UNDER-
STAND.

I SEE.
MUST BE
HARD
FOR THE
NATURAL
ONES.

THAT'S
BECAUSE I'M
CUSTOM-
MADE!!

OF
COURSE
NOT!



BUT
BOY, I'M
GLAD
YOU
DIDN'T
STAY AS
HIS
ALLY.



YOU
CAN
HIT
HER?
BE
THAT
AS IT
MAY-

I FEEL
SORRY
FOR
HER.

I'M SURE
SHE'S
SCARED.
I'M SURE
SHE'S
HESITATING.

OF
COURSE
I CAN.

ON
MY OWN
IT'D BE
USELESS
...

BUT THE
HIGHER
UPS IN
GOBGP...

...MADE
IT SO I
CAN.

EVEN
SOMEONE
WHO MAKES
NO EFFORT
LIKE
MYSELF...

...CAN
EASILY
BE MADE
INTO AN
AMAZING
SNIPER.



THANKS
TO AN
ABILITY
THAT
ASSURES
A SIMPLE YET...







...AND
RECOG-
NIZE IT...

IF THEY
LOOK AT
ME...



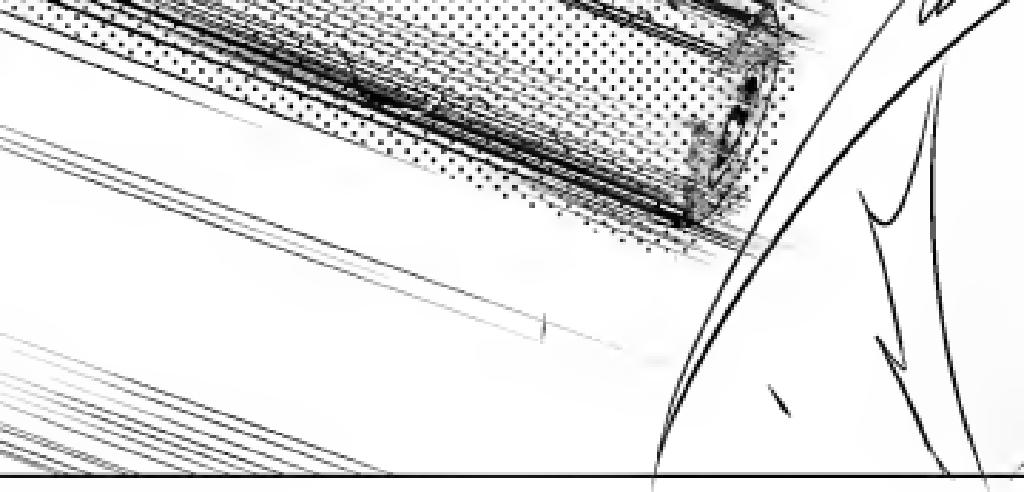
...THEN
THE RAPID
SHOT OF
PINPOINT
PENETRATION
WILL NEVER...

...MISS.

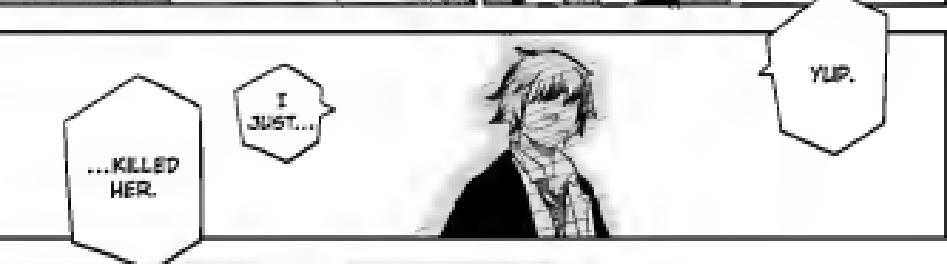
CHACK













SCRAPE

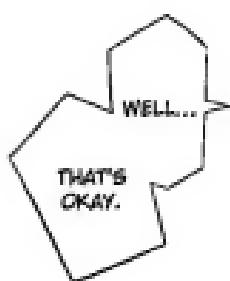
GOOD BYE!
HAVE A
GOOD TIME
IN HEAVEN
WITH HER!

CRIME
EDGE...!

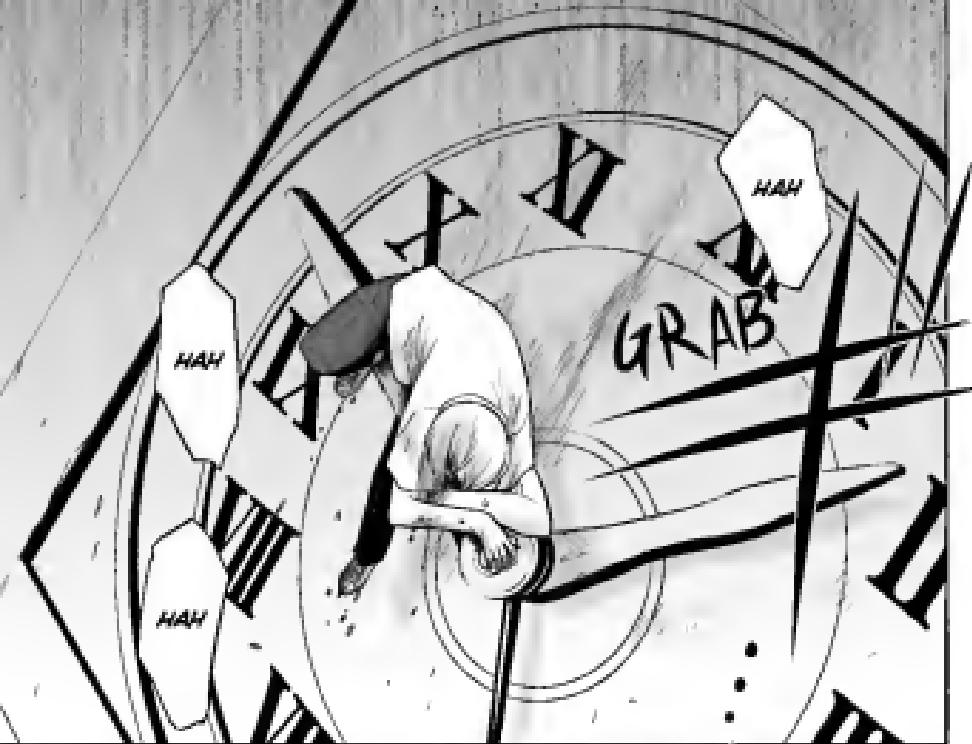
WOOSH

FWOOSH

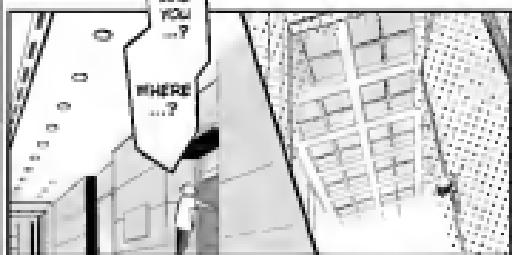




















WHY?



WHY
IS SHE
CRYING
SO
MUCH?

WASN'T
I...

...DOING
MY BEST
SO THAT...

...SHE
WOULDN'T
HAVE TO
CRY?



"TO PROTECT
SOMEONE
YOU LOVE."

I
ADMIRE
...

...THOSE
STORIES.

ALL I
THOUGHT
ABOUT...

...HAD
THE
DESIRE TO
WIN AND
BECOME
STRONG...

I
THOUGHT
THAT
WORLD
MAKE ME
LOOK
COOL

...THE
PERSON I
LOVED...

...BECAME
SECONDARY
TO ME.





...I'M
SORRY.













HUH?



...WHY
ARE
YOU SO
HAPPY
...?!





THE SEVERING EDGE

WHY
AREN'T
YOU
DEAD?!

JUST BY
MAKING
EYE
CON-
TACT...
...IT'S
SUPPOSED
TO HIT
YOUR
HEART
OR BRAIN
...!!

IT
TAKES
LIVES!

THE
RAPID
SHOT OF
PINPOINT
PENE-
TRATION!

BANG

WHY
...?!

cut30: "Like the Gift of the Magi"

NAME
RAPID SHOT OF PINPOINT PENETRATION

UNIT
KILLING TOOL (CUSTOM MADE)

AUTHOR
!KEIICHIRO JIN
ORIGINAL
UNNAMED VICTIM

SKILL
! CREATE FALSE BULLET
TIPS
NOT ACTUALLY A BULLET
HOLE OR CRACK
(VISIBLE ONLY WHILE IN FLIGHT)

! PINPOINT GAZE
TIPS
UPPER EYELID IS
ENACTED
AND LOWER LID
EYES WILL BE USED
SHOULD BE USED
INSTANTLY UNTO
THE TARGET







WHAT?



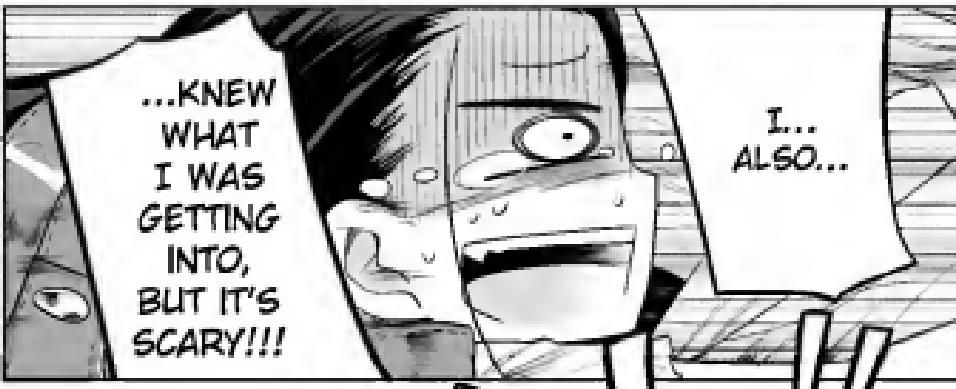




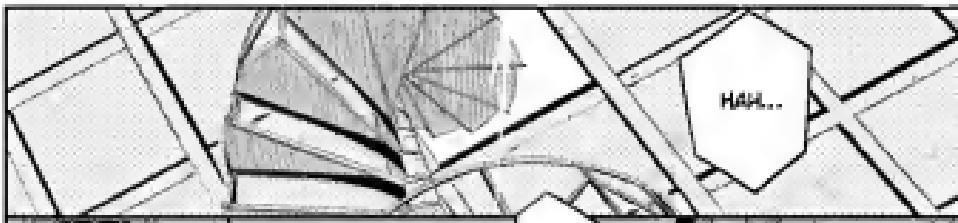












IF IT
WAS THE
OLD YOU...
YOU
WOULD
SAY
THAT...

...IT WOULD
BE TOO
UNCOOL OR
THAT YOU
CAN'T USE ME
AS A DECOY.

WHEE...

THANKS,
KIRI...

THOUGH I
DON'T LIKE
THIS
GROWTH
...

...I
GUESS
I'VE
GROWN
UP...

SO
THANKS!

NO.
ME
NEITHER.

WAIT,
WHAT ARE
YOU
SAYING?

HUH?

ALL
OF A
SUDDEN

HANMURA IS
ACTUALLY...

...MY
TYPE OF
PERSON.

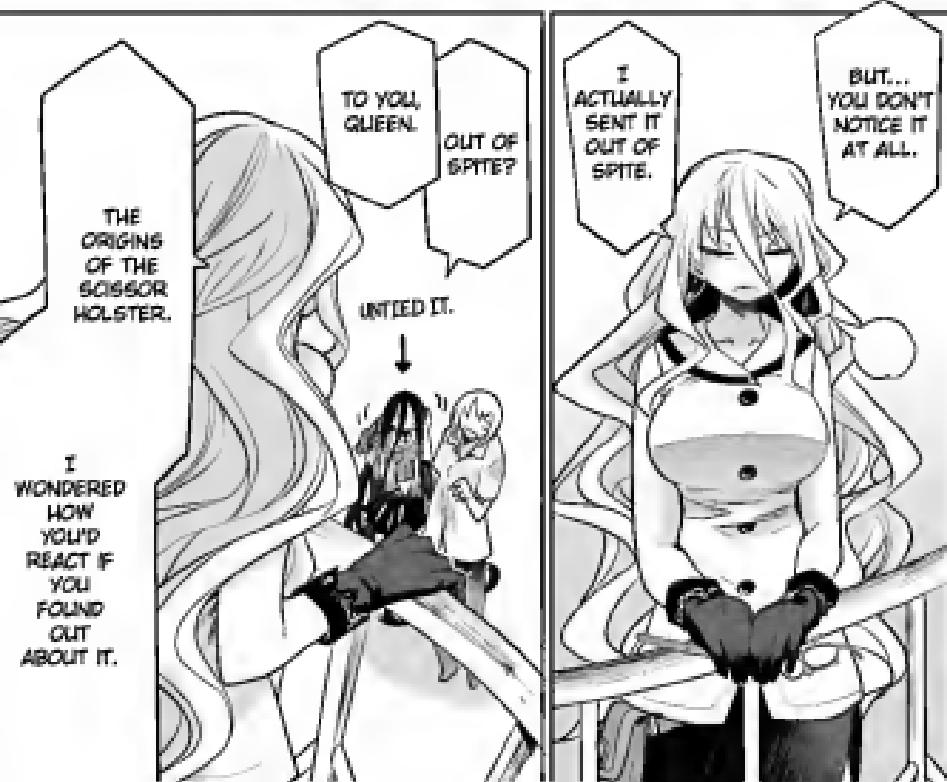
IGNORE

YOUR
DEVOTION...
YOUR VALOR.
IN NOT
SHOWING
FEAR WHEN
YOU FOUND
OUT THAT I
WAS THE
LEADER OF
GOSSIP.

PLUS
YOU DON'T
LOOK
HALF BAD.

WHAT?

HEY



HE GOT INVOLVED IN A DISPUTE WITH GOSSELIN.

THAT IS AN ANTIQUE.

NOT A TOOL... BUT SOMETHING A TRADER USED TO OWN.

...EXECUTED HIM.

...AND, BEING THE NEWLY APPOINTED LEADER, I PERSONALLY

...COLLECTED "KILLING TOOLS." MISTAKENLY BELIEVING THEY WERE "MAGIC ITEMS."

...HE...

...TRADER...

...EXECUTE ?









KILLED
MY...
...
FATHER
!!!





YOUR
"ENEMY"

...IS
ME.



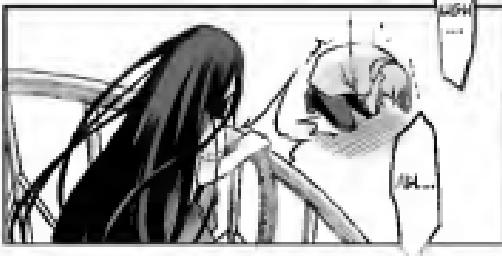
WITCH.



WITCH!!

...WITCH.









KIRI
WON'T GO
CRAZY
ANYMORE.

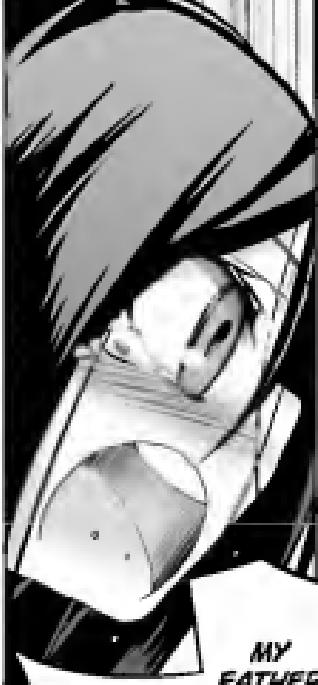


P...

...CRIME
EDGE
PRESS-
URES
HIM INTO
IT...

I'LL
WRAP
IT...
...IN A
SHEATHE.

IL



KIRI!
I'M...



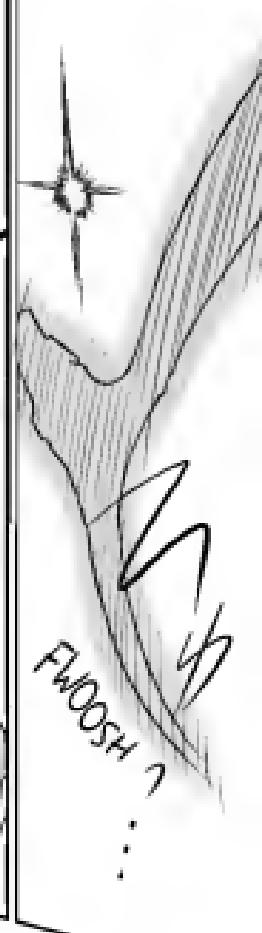
...RE-
GIVING THIS
TO YOU AS A
PRESENT!



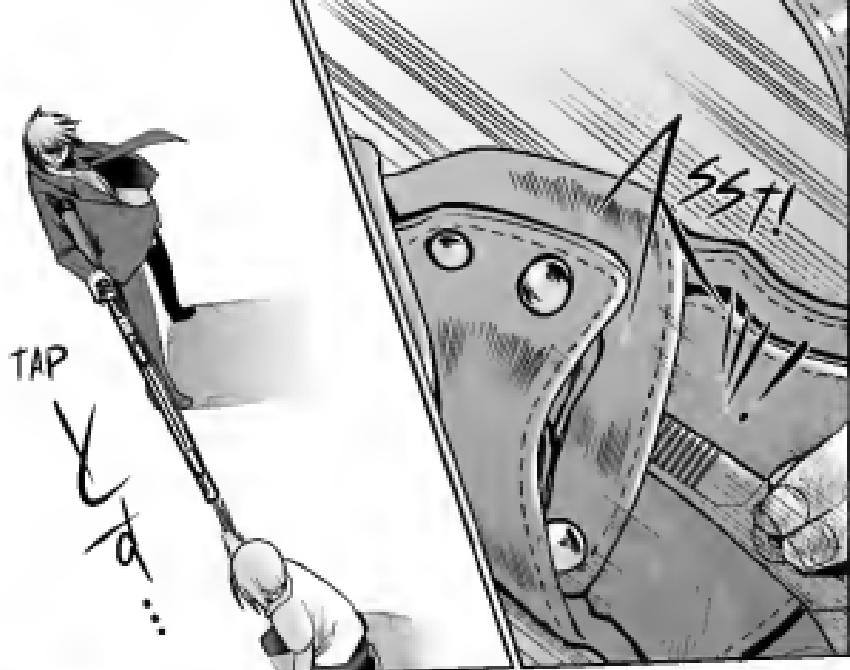
MY
FATHER
WILL...



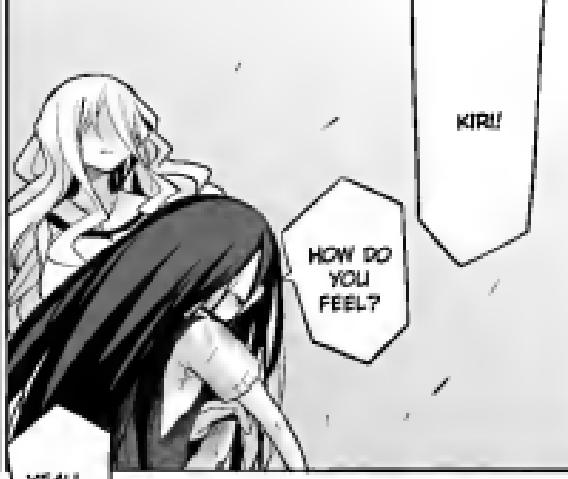
...
CERTAINLY
GIVE YOU
STRENGTH
AS WELL!



WOOOSH







KIRU!







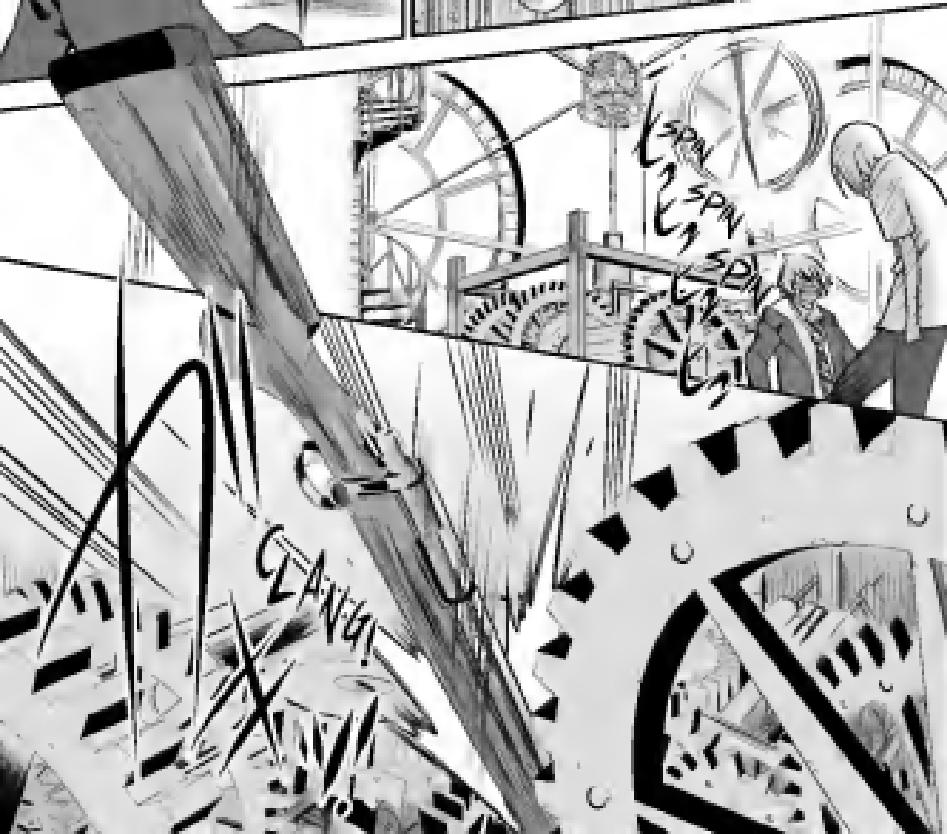














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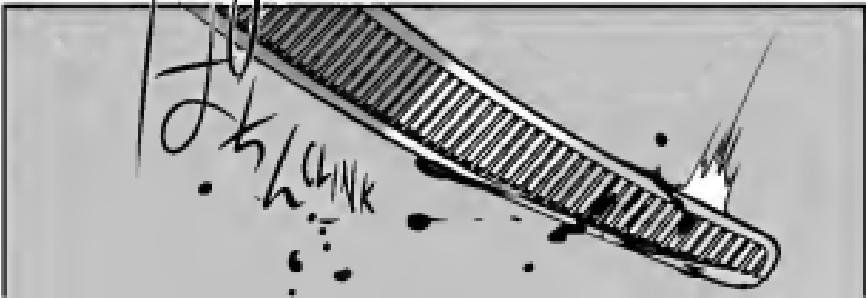
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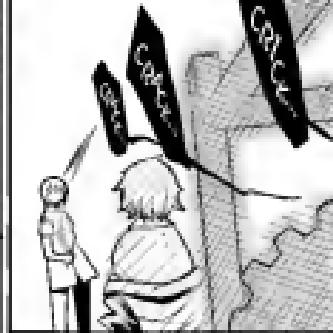
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I WON'T
DO IT.

... JUST
KIDDING!





WITH
CUSTOM-MADE,
THEIR MINDS
AREN'T AS
AFFECTED,
BUT...

...THEY
TEND TO BE
SUSCEPTIBLE TO
"CURSES"...

HIS
ARROGANT
PRIDE
COMPLETELY
COLLAPSED.

HUH
?

I THINK
IT BROKE IN
RESPONSE
TO THAT.

...THAT'S
WHAT I'VE
HEARD.

...HUH.

...LOOKS
LIKE THE
SECURITY
GUARDS
THAT JIN
ATTACKED
HAVE
SURVIVED
AFTER
ALL...

THE
POLICE
TOOK HIM
IN. WHERE'S
JIN?

...SOMEDAY
I'LL HAVE
TO FACE
HER, TOO.

...WITCHY
DIS-
APPEARED
IMMEDI-
ATELY
AFTER.

ALL
RIGHT, I'M
GETTING
IT.

YAY





FALLING
INTO A
TRAP LIKE
THAT...

S-S-
SORRY!!

AHHHH...
...

I
GAVE
YOU
A
SCISSOR
HOLSTER

...OF
COURSE
YOU'LL
FEEL
FEAR.

ME RACING

THANKS
TO HER,
I'M ALIVE.
SO...



WELL...

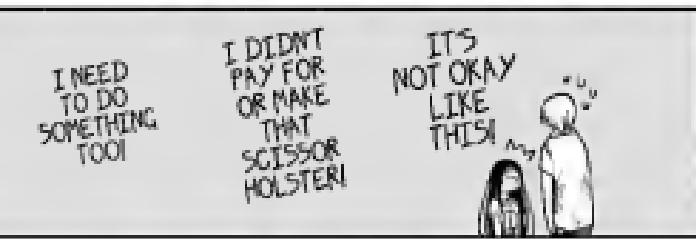
KERL...

THANKS
FOR THE
SCISSOR
HOLSTER,
TOO.

WHEN
YOU
THREW
IT TO
ME...

...IT
GAVE ME
COURAGE.

...







to be continued



THE SEVERING EDGE

extra cut

WELCOME,
IWAI.



HERE,
LET'S GET
CHANGED!

SO
WE'RE
GOING
TO DO A
SWIMSUIT
PARTY
C?!

DID
YOU BUY
ALL OF
THESE?

THEY
WERE
HAVING AN
OPENING
SALE
NEARBY.
I'VE GOT
SOME
OLD
ONES
TOO.

SO THIS
IS MIGI'S
ROOM.

DID YOU
BRING
A SWIM-
SUITS?

LUA...
YEAH...
U

WOW,
THANKS
FOR
INVITING
ME.



extra cut: "Like a Pajama Party"



THERE'S
SOME CUTE
SWIMSUITS
FOR KIDS
AS WELL.

SHOULD
BOUGHT
SUITING
FOR KIDS
700

OH,
BECAUSE
THERE'S
NO SIZES
FOR YOU?

IF
HAVEN'T
BEEN TO
A POOL
IN A
LONG
TIME!

...I ONLY
HAVE
THIS.

...

KASHIKO,
PLEASE
WALK LIKE
A MODEL!

LIKE A
FASHION
SHOW!

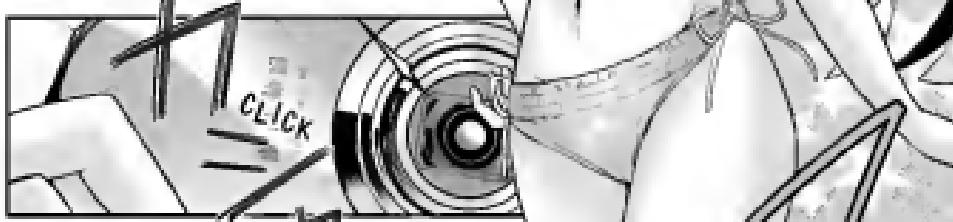
OH,
THEN...

WELL,
I AM A
MODEL.

ESPECIALLY
IN A
SWIM
SUIT!

KASHIKO,
YOU LOOK
LIKE A
GROWN
WOMAN...
I ENVY
YOU.

WHAT
?





OKAY,
KASHIKO.
DO THIS.

PUT
THIS ON,
AND
THIS.

IWA!
PUT
YOUR
HAND HERE.

HUH?

UH...

HIGH...

...IS
THIS...?

WH-
WHAT?

BREAK







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